

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A power transmission system of an engine for transmitting engine power to a driving wheel, said power transmission system comprising:

a crankshaft driven by [[an]] the engine, said crankshaft being arranged in a vehicle body in a widthwise direction of the vehicle body;

a sub-shaft which is arranged parallel to said crankshaft and non-concentric with the crankshaft and to which the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted via a rotary transmission member; and

a belt type continuously variable transmission including a primary shaft arranged concentrically with said sub-shaft and provided with a primary pulley having a variable groove width and a secondary shaft; said secondary shaft being provided with a secondary pulley coupled to said primary pulley via a belt and having a variable groove width,

wherein the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted to said primary shaft via said sub-shaft arranged parallel to said primary shaft, and

a clutch member is arranged between said sub-shaft and said primary shaft.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said crankshaft is mounted with a generator ~~and wherein said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.~~

4. (currently amended) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim [[2]] 3, ~~wherein said crankshaft is mounted with a generator and~~ wherein said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.

5. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said crankshaft is arranged in front of said primary shaft in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body.

6. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said secondary shaft is arranged behind said primary shaft in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body.

7. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said rotary transmission member is a pair of gears mounted on said sub-shaft and said crankshaft.
8. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, comprising:
  - a crankcase that mounts said crankshaft, and
  - wherein said clutch member is arranged in said crankcase.
9. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 8, wherein said clutch member is a centrifugal clutch.
10. (new) A power transmission system of an engine for transmitting engine power to a driving wheel, said power transmission system comprising:
  - a crankshaft driven by the engine, said crankshaft being arranged in a vehicle body in a widthwise direction of the vehicle body;
  - a sub-shaft which is arranged parallel to said crankshaft and to which the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted via a rotary transmission member; and
  - a belt type continuously variable transmission including a primary shaft arranged concentrically with said sub-shaft and provided with a primary pulley having a variable groove width and a secondary shaft; said secondary shaft being provided with a secondary pulley coupled to said primary pulley via a belt and having a variable groove width,  
wherein the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted to said primary shaft via said sub-shaft arranged parallel to said primary shaft; and  
said crankshaft is mounted with a generator.
11. (new) A power transmission system of an engine for transmitting engine power to a driving wheel, said power transmission system comprising:
  - a crankshaft driven by the engine, said crankshaft being arranged in a vehicle body in a widthwise direction of the vehicle body;
  - a sub-shaft which is arranged parallel to said crankshaft and to which the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted via a rotary transmission member; and
  - a belt type continuously variable transmission including a primary shaft arranged concentrically with said sub-shaft and provided with a primary pulley having a variable groove width and a secondary shaft; said secondary shaft being provided with a secondary pulley coupled to said primary pulley via a belt and having a variable groove width,

wherein the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted to said primary shaft via said sub-shaft arranged parallel to said primary shaft; and

    said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.

12. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.

13. (new) The power transmission system according to claim 8 wherein said clutch member is a centrifugal clutch.